

To whom it may concern:

I am a recent subscriber to XM Radio. My reason for getting this service is because I am a truck driver by trade. In the many years that I have been at this profession, taking me through all the New England states, the quality of the public AM and FM stations has deteriorated to the point where I had no desire to listen except for traffic and news reports. I want to stress that this was happening before the FCC started to influence public radio in regards to appropriate broadcasts. I finally looked into this pay service (XM & Sirrus) and came to the conclusion that for as little as \$10 a month I could have more control and variety in my daily routine. At my job I can drive up to three or more hours at a time to my destination. And with this new form of entertainment, I find that not only am I more relaxed but I am more alert to my surroundings. This has been a boost for my daily activities. One of the main problems with public radio is the frequent commercials they play (understanding this is there main source of revenue) but at the cost of public safety and entertainment. Any one that has watched public television lately knows that this is the same problem. And as you may guess, it is also important in my job to know what traffic problems may be occurring for my commute to my destination. Many times I have altered my routes to avoid such problems. With public radio, reports have become shorter, faster and less frequent throughout the day. With this new XM satellite traffic reports, every five minutes I get accurate reports with no interruptions. That is what I need and am willing to pay for. If public radio is worried, they should be. They should be finding ways to improve there programming, not trying to stop a business from doing just that. I'm tired of seeing companies crying for the government to stop procreation of things for there on benefited. In a democracy if you want to stay ahead you have to find it and work for it. Therefore I am urging the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160 and tell public broadcasters to wake up and work for there business.

Thank you. Joe Carreiro